

REMARKS

Claims 13-16, 18-22, 24-29, 31-35 and 37-38 remain in the present application. Claims 17, 23, 30 and 36 are cancelled herein. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the arguments set forth below.

Election Without Traverse Between Inventions 1 and 2

In the Office Action mailed May 28, 2008 for the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner stated that the present Application contains two distinct inventions. As such, the Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant elects without traverse Claims 13-16, 18-22, 24-29, 31-35 and 37-38, drawn to Invention 1, for prosecution on the merits. As such, Claims 17, 23, 30 and 36, which are drawn to the non-elected invention, are cancelled herein.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 13-16, 18-22, 24-29, 31-35 and 37-38 are in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits such action from the Examiner.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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